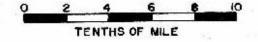


SPENCER POND EAST MIDDLESEX CANAL GRANT, T.IR.14 PISCATAQUIS CO., MAINE

AREA 980 ACRES



SPENCER POND

T1R14 and East Middlesex Canal Grant, Piscataquis Co. U.S.G.S. Spencer Bay, Lobster Mountain, Me (7 ½')

Fishes

Brook trout Yellow perch Minnows Lake chub Golden shiner Common shiner

Finescale dace Blacknose dace Creek chub Fallfish Longnose sucker White sucker Hornpout (bullhead)

Threespine stickleback

Pumpkinseed sunfish

Physical Characteristics

Area - 980 acres Temperatures:

Surface - 75°F 13 feet - 74°F

Principal fishery: Brook trout

Maximum depth - 16 feet

Spencer Pond is a large, shallow, and warm pond located next to the Spencer Bay Road, north of the settlement of Kokadjo. It lies at the base of Little Spencer Mountain, making it one of the more scenic bodies of water in the area. What it lacks in fishing quality is more than made up for in its visual quality.

Prior to the establishment of yellow perch in the late 1950s, Spencer Pond produced an acceptable wild brook trout fishery. However, the yellow perch, in combination with abundant populations of suckers and minnows, severely limit the pond's potential to provide a good wild brook trout fishery. For years, the fishery was maintained through the regular stocking of hatchery-reared brook trout. Spencer Pond was last stocked with brook trout in 1997.

The remains of an old logging dam hold a few feet of water on the pond. The added water is important to maintaining the opportunity to launch a small boat next to the roadway. Any repairs to or replacement of the road crossing should be done in a manner that assures continued access to Spencer Pond. With the establishment of white perch and smallmouth bass downstream in Moosehead Lake, this site should be maintained as a barrier to fish passage.

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